

**Online Health Care Forum** Health care costs are out of control. Statistics have shown this year that the average individual will be charged more than \$5,000 for health care, while families will pay more than \$12,000 to receive medical treatment. These costs are more than double what they were just a decade ago. Yet, despite all the money that we are spending, 47 million Americans are without health insurance—a fact that is not only negatively impacting the health of these families and individuals, but also crippling our economy.

Congress is currently working to create a comprehensive plan to overhaul our broken health care system.

While my colleagues and I review data and talk to health care leaders about the reforms that are needed, the best and most informative input I can gain comes from you, my constituents.

That is why I have created this online health care forum.

I want to hear your story about the experiences you have had with our current health care system—both good and bad.

I also need to hear your ideas about what we can do to improve health care.

Please submit a video or written testimonial of your health care experience, and we'll begin posting some of these responses on our website. Please email your story or video to [in07healthcare@mail.house.gov](mailto:in07healthcare@mail.house.gov)

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